

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Peter Brune et al. )  
Serial No. )  
Filed: )  
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ACCESSING )  
A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK AND )  
FOR BILLING TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

N.E.  
N.E. In claim 3, line 1, delete "" or 2".

In claim 4, line 1, delete "one of claims 2 or 3" and substitute therefor --claim 2--.

Please add the following new claims:

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Cont.
87. Method according to claim 2, characterized in that an authentication process is used by means of which the identify of the subscriber using services in the telecommunication network is established by at least one of the following measures:
- by digital signature;
  - directly over existing dependable mechanisms, such as EC card, electronic market;
  - by technical proof beyond doubt of the association of the subscriber with a dependable third party which takes responsibility for the payment, such as a credit card organization.